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FOR THE SECRETARY'S PARTY

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SUBJECT: ARRIVAL SCENARIO FOR SECRETARY'S VISIT

1. HERE IS WHAT GOI OFFICIALS HAVE TOLD US ABOUT HOW THE SECRETARY'S ARRIVAL OCTOBER 27 WILL RUN:

2. AT 1800 OCTOBER 27 THE SECRETARY'S AIRCRAFT WILL TAXI TO THE TECHNICAL (MILITARY) AREA AT PALAM AIRPORT, WHICH IS NORMALLY RESERVED FOR RECEPTION OF HEADS OF STATE OR HEADS OF GOVERNMENT. OPPOSITE THE AIRCRAFT WHEN IT STOPS WILL BE A SHAMIANA (AWNING) WITH SEPARATE AREAS UNDER IT FOR VIPS AND FOR THE PRESS.

3. FOREIGN MINISTER Y.B. CHAVAN WILL GREET THE SECRETARY AT THE FOOT OF THE STEPS OF THE AIRCRAFT. HE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY THE FOREIGN SECRETARY, KEWAL SINGH; AMBASSADOR T.N. KAUL; THE CHIEF OF PROTOCOL, S.J.S. CHHATWAL; AND THE AMERICAN DEPUTY CHIEF OF MISSION, DAVID T. SCHNEIDER. PHOTOGRAPHERS WILL HAVE A PLATFORM JUST TO THE RIGHT OF THE FOOT OF THE STEPS TO COVER THE GREETING.

4. THE CHIEF OF PROTOCOL WILL LEAD THE SECRETARY AND MRS. KISSINGER TO THE VIP AREA UNDER THE AWNING. HE WILL INTRODUCE

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OTHER OFFICIALS THERE. MRS. KISSINGER, THE FOREIGN MINISTER,

THE FOREIGN SECRETARY, AMBASSADOR AND MRS. MOYNIHAN AND AMBASSADOR KAUL WILL SIT ON THREE SOFAS IN THE VIP AREA. OTHER OFFICIALS AND MEMBERS OF THE PARTY WILL TAKE CHAIRS.

5. THE SECRETARY WILL MOVE ACROSS TO THE PRESS SECTION TO GIVE HIS ARRIVAL STATEMENT FROM A SMALL PLATFORM. (FOREIGN MINISTER CHAVAN IS NOT EXPECTED TO MAKE A STATEMENT.) THERE WILL BE ANOTHER PLATFORM FOR PHOTOGRAPHERS WISHING TO COVER THE STATEMENT JUST AS THERE WILL BE ONE ON THE OPPOSITE SIDE OF THE AWNING FOR PHOTOGRAPHERS WISHING TO COVER INTRODUCTIONS IN THE VIP AREA. OF THE 100 SEATS IN THE PRESS AREA, 15 WILL BE RESERVED FOR JOURNALISTS ON THE SECRETARY'S AIRCRAFT.

6. DURING THE ARRIVAL STATEMENT, CARS WILL POSITION THEMSELVES IN FRONT OF THE AWNING.

7. IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE ARRIVAL STATEMENT, THE SECRETARY WILL ENTER HIS CAR FOR THE RIDE TO THE PRESIDENT'S OFFICIAL RESIDENCE, RASHTRAPATI BHAVAN. OTHER MEMBERS OF THE OFFICIAL PARTY AND INDIAN VIP'S ACCOMPANYING THEM SHOULD ANTICIPATE THE SECRETARY'S MOVE AND BE READY TO GO. THE STAFF WILL HAVE BEEN ABLE TO LOAD SEPARATELY IN THE AREA TO ONE SIDE OF THE AWNING. THE WHOLE ARRIVAL CEREMONY -- FROM EXIT FROM THE AIRCRAFT TO DEPARTURE IN THE MOTORCADE--WILL PROBABLY TAKE FROM 15 TO 20 MINUTES.

8. THE FOREIGN MINISTER WILL ACCOMPANY THE SECRETARY ON THE 15-MINUTE RIDE FROM THE AIRPORT TO RASHTRAPATI BHAVAN. ON ARRIVAL THERE, HE WILL SHOW THE SECRETARY AND MRS. KISSINGER TO THEIR SUITE AND PROBABLY WILL STOP FOR A CHAT AND A CUP OF TEA WITH THEM. THE FOREIGN SECRETARY, AMBASSADOR AND MRS. MOYNIHAN, AND AMBASSADOR KAUL MAY ALSO BE PRESENT AT THIS TIME. THE REMAINDER OF THE OFFICIAL PARTY, WHICH WILL HAVE FOLLOWED THE SECRETARY TO RASHTRAPATI BHAVAN, WILL GATHER IN THE GARDEN LOGGIA ON THE SAME FLOOR AS THE SECRETARY'S SUITE. AFTER A FEW MINUTES, THE FOREIGN MINISTER AND OTHER INDIAN OFFICIALS WILL LEAVE, AND THOSE MEMBERS OF THE OFFICIAL PARTY NOT STAYING AT RASHTRAPATI BHAVAN WILL DEPART FOR THE ASHOKA HOTEL.
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